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## Coffee County Commission finally settles Mount Pleasant/Ino Senior Center issues

On Wednesday, June 2, the Coffee County Commission completed its recessed meeting from Monday, May 24, and finally agreed to complete the Ino/Mount Pleasant Senior Center project.

The meeting began with an open discussion between commissioners, representatives from the project's architect firm and the contractor. This discussion was held in an attempt to decide whether or not liquidated damages applied.

"Everything is off the table today, and we start on level ground," said commission chairman Robert Stephens as he opened the discussion.

Joey Bradley, a representative of Waid, McNamara - Parrish Architecture Inc., said as the architecture representative for this project, he was to see that the buildings were designed, bid and constructed based on the specifications.

"Everything went pretty well until the final process of getting paid," Bradley said.

He said he went to both sites on Feb. 10 for an inspection and found too many things not finished to consider the job substantially complete.

On Feb. 27, Bradley said he returned to the sites for another inspection. This time he found most of the items complete, therefore, he offered it at substantially complete.

At that point, Bradley said the moving in process began at Ino but not at Mount Pleasant due to an issue with the carpet.

After the carpet was cleaned, Bradley said he recommended the commission grant an 18-day extension to the contract because of weather and no liquidated damages, but the commission rejected that recommendation.

"The contractor (Paul Anderson Builders) has in good effort tried to complete the building," Bradley said. "He has done his part in my view above and beyond the contract requirements."

During last Wednesday's meeting, Bradley said his recommendation remained no liquidated damages.

"Mr. Anderson has done his job," he said. "We can continue to hash this out and go further with it or we can settle it today."

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple has a completely different view regarding the issue, and said the carpet issue was not the only issue by far.

He said the first inspection of the building resulted in the architect finding 78 deficiencies, and when he returned for a second inspection, several items still had not been completed.

"The contractor (Paul Anderson Builders) has in good effort tried to complete the building," said Joey Bradley, the project's architect. "He has done his part in my view above and beyond the contract requirements."

He said the first inspection of the building resulted in the architect finding 78 deficiencies, and when he returned for a second inspection, several items still had not been completed.

Bradley agreed with Dalrymple that there were a lot of items on his first deficiency list, however, he pointed out that he did not consider the building substantially complete at that point. He said the second list had fewer items on it, and those items did not warrant keeping the building from being considered substantially complete.

Stephens said the contractor had made an offer that the commission approve the 18-day extension along with nine days of liquidated damages. He said he felt the commission should consider this offer.

Dalrymple made a motion not to accept it, but his motion died for lack of a second.

Stephens then made a motion to accept the nine days of liquidated damages, sign all the paperwork for the project and divide the money between the Ino and Mount Pleasant centers.

The motion passed by a 5-2 vote with only commissioner Dalrymple and Tom Grimsley opposing.

The nine days of liquidated damages equates to \$250 per day or \$2,250 total.

Frederick Hamilton, a representative from the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning

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Commission, reminded commissioners that a final public hearing will be held before the project is officially considered closed.

Later in the meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners that the overall project is short \$7,803 after the grant funds and county's match funds have been considered. He said he needed some direction from commissioners as to where to get the additional funds.

Dalrymple asked Mobley about interest gained from an additional \$60,000 grant provided to District Four. In which Mobley said the overall interest gain was \$2,131.

Dalrymple made a motion to add this interest to the \$60,000 and deduct the \$7,803 from the \$62,131. He received a second from commissioner Bernest Brooks.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked Dalrymple what he plans to do with the remainder of the money.

After he said the money will be used for various needs at the Mount Pleasant center, Westbrook said a motion was approved in Feb. 2002 indicating the \$60,000 would be used for the construction of the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center building.

"Up until this day, all interest has gone into the general fund," Stephens said. "If we're setting a precedent here, we're going to have a lot of interest coming out of the general fund."

With that said, Stephens offered an amendment to the

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## Elba Police cracking down on illegal use of ATV's (4-wheelers)

by Linda Hodge, Editor

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) have become very popular throughout the years, but the illegal usage of those vehicles has forced local police officers to buckle down on riders.

"ATV's (4-wheelers) are for off-road use only," said Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth. "This means fields, woods or private property."

He said ATV's are not made for transportation, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) has not approved them for anything. An owner can not

buy a tag for it which means the vehicle can not be legally put on the road.

So, what exactly is considered as roadway?

According to Whitworth, a roadway is recognized as shoulder to shoulder, which means someone riding a 4-wheeler on the side of the road or right-of-way is illegal riding that ATV. A highway is simply the improved portion of the roadway. Therefore, paved and dirt roads fall under the rules of a roadway.

"You can enforce laws on the roadways...not yards or private

property," Whitworth said. "So, when a rider puts a 4-wheeler on the roadway, that becomes an enforcement issue."

Although there are no laws actually governing ATV's, Whitworth said the vehicles are not DOT approved which opens the door for various equipment violations.

Lights, brakes, windshield, turn signals, helmets, seat belts, tag, etc. He also pointed out that the tires on 4-wheelers clearly indicate for off-road use only, and the vehicles do not have a suspension made for roadway use.

"We've had numerous complaints regarding 4-wheelers, but more than anything, it has become a matter of safety," Whitworth said. "4-wheelers are

not made for roadway use and should not be put on the road." He said his department receives complaints ranging from someone riding a 4-wheeler cutting across another person's yard and riding on the roads to jumping ditches and tearing up the shoulder of the roads.

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## Area Happenings

**A RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC** will be held Saturday, June 12, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Other clinics will be held the same day at the New Brockton Farm Center from 9-10:30 a.m.; at Ward's ZC Express (near Zion Chapel School) from 1:30-3 p.m.; and at S&B Petro Station (intersection of Hwy. 134 and Hwy. 87) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Alabama State Law requires all cats and dogs over three months of age to have an annual Rabies vaccination. There will be a fee for the vaccination.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will conduct its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

**THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL** will conduct its regular monthly meeting Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

**THE SUNLIGHT YOUTH CHOR** will be in concert Tuesday, June 15, at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Elba High School auditorium. There is no admission charge, and everyone is invited to attend.

**PERSONS REPRESENTING COFFEE COUNTY EMS INC.** are presently conducting a door-to-door survey for CCEMS on behalf of this non-profit organization. These individuals will be going throughout the county and will have a letter and name tags signed by CCEMS Inc. officials that will explain the purpose of this program. Any questions concerning this activity, should be directed to one of the officers listed on the letter or by calling Coffee County EMS Inc.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District recently awarded an Economic Development Enhancement grant to the City of Elba in the amount of \$6,500. Grant dollars are available each year, and the SEAGD board representative for each owner city must apply for funding on an annual basis. Proceeds from this year's grant in Elba will be used to aid in the financing and building of a new water well and storage tank and installation of a sewer line on the southwest side of Elba. The Economic Development Enhancement program is just a small portion of the funds designated by SEAGD to promote industrial development in Southeast Alabama. Over the past three years, the company has dedicated more than \$1,000,000 to economic development in Elba and other member cities of SEAGD.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District is owned by 14 cities: Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Ft. Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

Royce Sighler (right), director of operations for the Western Division of SEAGD, presented the check to Elba Mayor James Grimes. Also present was councilman H.H. "Junior" Culver (left).

**\*NOTICE\***

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session Wednesday, June 2.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 45 cases. The Grand Jury handed down 41 indictments, 27 of those being felonies and 14 being misdemeanors.

The Grand Jury returned four no bills, and zero cases were continued for further investigation.

Arraignments for indictments handed down by this Grand Jury are scheduled for Monday, July 12, at the Elba Courthouse.

## Two county races to be decided with June 29th runoff

Coffee County voters will return to the polls Tuesday, June 29, to decide the Republican nominee for two separate races. Coffee County District Judge and Coffee County Commission, District Two.

The District Judge race will be decided between Paul Shering and Shannon Clark. The winner in this race will face Democrat John Dowling for the Nov. 2 general election.

The Coffee County Commission, District Two race will find Jessie M. Lewis facing J.L. Weeks. The winner here will face Democrat Joe Green in November's general election.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

America lost another good man this past weekend when former President Ronald Reagan died. He made the move from movie actor to leader of the greatest country in the world very smoothly. Of course the disease that ravaged his brain has long since rendered him incapable of making even the simplest of decisions, but as always, we have great memories of him. As Senator Richard Shelby wrote, "His faith in democracy and belief in the American way will forever be his legacy."

Washington observers could almost see Alabama Senator Richard Shelby leaping with joy at the news CIA Director George Tenet was resigning. The senator, serving as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, often had (very strong) differing opinions with Tenet. The official statement from the senator simply said, "I believe his resignation is long overdue." Tenet was a hold over from the Clinton Administration. There is a lot of speculation that he timed the resignation at this time to beat the release of a study by the 9/11 committee. Leaks from sources close to this study have predicted it would have some harsh words for America's intelligence community, including the CIA.

Following our comments last week about attending the Monroeville re-enactment of "To Kill A Mocking Bird," it has been amazing how many Elba area residents have themselves been there and share our sentiments on how great the performances are. It is still amazing, especially when one remembers that these are every day folks, with regular jobs, families, school, etc.



*"This past year of my life has been full of twists, turns, changes and surprises. I have had more strife than ever before, but the joy that followed was much greater. It has come to my attention, now more than ever, how important and influential a good support system can be. I have been successful in my high school career, my weight loss, and my life, these accomplishments, however, are not a reflection of me. They are a reflection of you and your tremendous support, love and care that you have invested in me. I would not have made it this far without God, my friends, family, and community and the support I have received. I wish to thank you from the deepest part of my being for the continued love and support."*

*With much love and admiration,  
Katie Elizabeth Dyess*

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## REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

## Upholding Tax Relief for workers and families

U.S. Representative  
Terry Everett

Over the last two weeks, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation to ensure that American workers and families are not saddled with a return to higher taxes in the coming years. On April 28, the House passed a bill to make marriage penalty relief permanent, and on May 5, we voted to extend the current exemption for the Federal alternative minimum tax. Both of these bills now await action in the U.S. Senate.

The recent positive news of an improving American economy and a return to job creation is in large part due to the result

of tax relief passed by Congress in 2001. That same year, this nation faced a growing recession which had begun in 2000, followed by the undermining effects of corporate scandals compounded by the catastrophic blow of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Had it not been for the President's bold plan of stretching out over the majority of American workers and businesses, we might be deeper in recession or worse today.

The President believes, as do I, that Americans deserve to keep more of their hard-earned

pay and that real tax relief will spur the economy through increased spending and investment and job creation. In 2001, Congress passed this relief, but due to arcane rules of the U.S. Senate, it failed to become permanent and much of it will expire at the end of this decade.

On April 28, the House passed the Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2004 (HR 4181). What is the marriage penalty? It is a feature in the Federal Tax Code which penalizes working married couples by forcing them to pay higher taxes than if they were single earning a similar amount. It is unfair and in 2001 Congress voted to offset the marriage penalty by gradually increasing married couples' standard deduction to twice that of individual filers. Furthermore, this relief was accelerated in last year's Jobs and Tax Growth Act.

The marriage penalty has been a very real burden on over 30 million American couples, including some 450,000 in Alabama. The recent relief has meant a reduction in taxes by some \$300 for the average working married couple. Unfortunately, unless action is taken to make this relief permanent, couples will be socked with an average \$300 tax increase next year growing to a \$700 increase by 2011. That is why the House took action, and it is now up to the Senate to follow our lead to protect working couples.

Last week, the House also passed the Middle Class Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act (HR 4227). This legislation would extend the exemption in the alternative minimum tax, first temporarily approved in 2001, for another year. The alternative minimum

tax was created in 1969 to prevent wealthy Americans from using deductions and tax loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. However, it needs updating as it now targets middle income Americans with modest incomes. The one-year extension approved by the House would exempt single taxpayers making \$40,250 and married couples filing jointly earning \$58,000. If no action is taken, those income thresholds would fall to \$33,750 and \$45,000 respectively in 2005. Again, the Senate has yet to pass this tax relief bill.

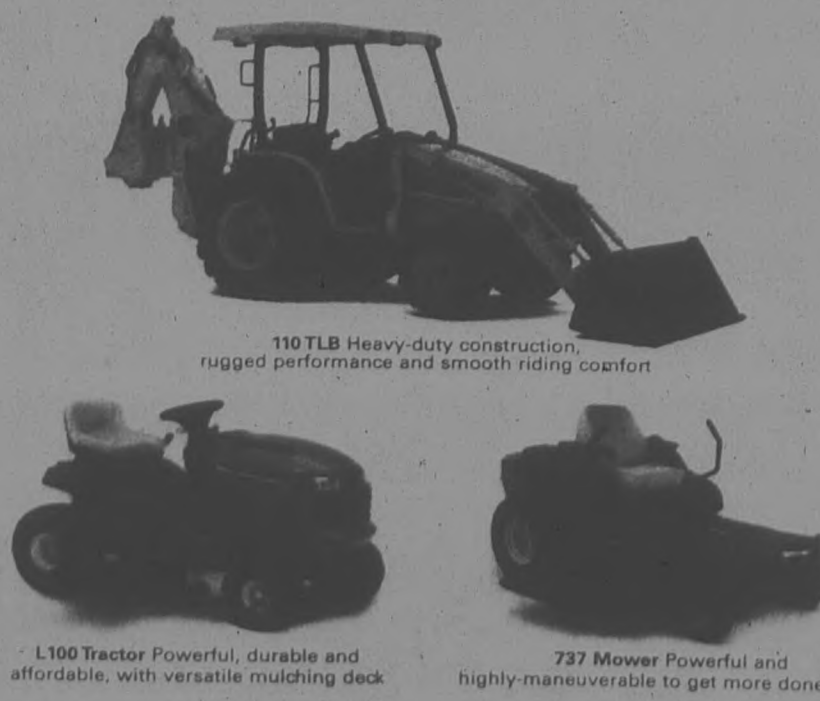
In the coming weeks, the House is also scheduled to vote on making permanent other important tax relief measures enacted in 2001, including the Tax Rate reduction and the child tax credit. I'll keep you posted on our progress.

## Portable Generator

## Death Reports Double

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has released a new staff report announcing that reports of generator-related carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning deaths doubled in recent years. In 2003, CPSC had reports of 36 deaths from CO poisoning associated with portable generators. In 2002, there were 40 deaths reported. This was a 100 percent increase from the reported 18 deaths in 2001 and 20 deaths in 2000. "If you use a gasoline-powered generator, set it up outside in a dry area, away from air intakes to the home," said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. "Opening doors and windows or operating fans to ventilate will not prevent CO buildup in the home. Even with a CO alarm, you should never use a gasoline-powered generator inside your home or in a garage."

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## Obituaries

## HOWARD EARL MORGAN

Mr. Howard Earl Morgan, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died June 2, 2004 at Baptist Hospital South in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held June 5, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Jack Cates officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Mr. Morgan was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Maurine Morgan, father, Manley Levi Morgan, and mother, Gladys Morgan.

Survivors include his daughter Cindy (Josh) Stephens and two grandchildren, all of Montgomery, Ala., one brother, Richard Morgan, Davenport, Ala., two sisters: Ann Massey, Honorville, Ala., and Virginia Arnold, Lawrenceville, Ga.

## CLERMONT ELMORE HANCHEY

Mr. Clermon Elmore Hanchey, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died June 4, 2004 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Funeral services were held June 7, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ronald W. Nunn officiating. Burial followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis C. Hanchey, Elba; two sons: Jerry Hanchey, Blackshear, Ga. and Freddy Hanchey, Elba; one brother, Tommy Hanchey, Hamilton, Ga.; one sister, Maurine Foley, Elba; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew.

## ALBERTA STEWART MARTIN

Mrs. Alberta Stewart Martin, age 97, resident of Enterprise Nursing Home and former resident of Elba, Ala., died May 31, 2004.

Mrs. Martin had the unique distinction of being the last known living widow of a Confederate veteran for the last 14 years. Upon the death of the last known surviving widow of a Union Army veteran, Gertrude Grubb Janeway of Blaine, Tenn. on Jan. 18, 2003, Mrs. Martin became known as the last known living widow of a War Between the States veteran.

Mrs. Martin will lie in state in the parlor of the First White House of the Confederacy, Montgomery, Ala., from 3-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2004 and from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004.

Mrs. Martin will be placed in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Elba, prior to the funeral, from 8-12 in the morning of Saturday, June 12, 2004. Funeral services will be held at First Assembly of God Church, Highland Drive, Elba, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2004. The First Assembly of God Church will open its doors at 10 a.m. for early arrivals.

Following her funeral service at First Assembly of God Church, a Confederate reanimator heritage funeral march and graveside service will be held at the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Curtis, Ala., 6 miles west of Elba.

Mrs. Martin is survived by one sister: Lera Stewart

Watson, Navarre, Fla., one son William Oren Martin, Elba, four grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces and great-grandchildren.

Flowers are being accepted at Boyd Funeral Home in Dothan, Ala. or any memorials may be made to her scholarship fund: The Mrs. Alberta Martin Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 340, Courtland, VA 23847. (Mrs. Martin's scholarship fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible fund and exists to help deserving qualified students in post-high school education.)

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## Republican Women of Coffee County to meet June 16th

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Wednesday, June 16th at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting. Speaking will be Jeff Kelley, candidate for Circuit Judge. Also Shannon Clark and Paul Shering, run-off candidates for District Judge will be speaking and taking questions from the floor. Grilled Chicken Breast Salad with Bread Stick, and Drink for \$7.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

There are so many children in Elba that say, "There's nothing to do here!" In order to help solve that problem I have proposed to Mayor James Grimes and the Recreation Department that we build new playground equipment at the park on Claxton Ave., next to the recreation department building. Everyone is in agreement that it could use some more equipment and renovating. As of right now everything is in order to start this project except, of course, the funds needed to purchase the equipment. This is where the

citizens of Elba come in. We need everyone's help to raise the money to do this. A special account has been set up at Windham Lumber Company for anyone wishing to donate to this cause. Several of our local businesses will also be accepting donations for your convenience. Any amount donated will be greatly appreciated by all the children of Elba.

Donations can be made by mail to Windham Lumber Company, PO Box 424, Elba, AL 36323. Please specify Playground Fund on your check and the front of the envelope. If

you have any questions or want to join our campaign, please call me at 897-6503 Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Let's work together to make a fun place for our children to play.  
Jill Dunn

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## SPORTS

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It is rare when one of our girls spends the night away from home, but last weekend Melanie spent the weekend away from home with one of her cousins, and while I hate to admit it, it was almost too quiet at the Mularz house. I relaxed on the sofa and watched TV while Mom worked on the computer, but the phone never rang, there was no fussing coming from the girls' bedrooms and I must have gotten up and waled to the back door at least a dozen times just to see if anything was going on anywhere. The peace and quiet was nice, but I would rather have my girls at home any day!

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The youth baseball and softball seasons are coming to an end this week and that means it must be "All-Star" time here in Elba. The Elba leagues will sponsor a total of five All-Star teams in baseball and four teams in softball, and this summer there will be three tournaments held in Elba. I urge all the parents and fans to support the All-Star teams by making plans to attend some games and also encourage the supporters to be loud and let the kids know you are there for them.

\*\*\* The "Super 12" high school softball teams were announced last week by The Dothan Eagle and Elba's Stephanie Baxley was named to the team for the second straight season. Baxley had a less than impressive 13-13 record as the Lady Tigers struggled to a 14-16 slate for the season, but struck out 289 batters in 171 innings and was without a doubt one of the top pitchers in the area, and the state.

Out of the 24 girls that were named to the two "Super 12" teams, two were 8th graders, three were freshmen and six were sophomores. That means that eleven of the players named to the teams could have played JV softball at many schools across the state, and proves that it is the youngsters that are dominating the sport since the move to fast-pitch. Oh yes, there were 10 pitchers named to the teams, which also proves fast-pitch is indeed a pitchers game.

\*\*\* Elba's new head football coach will come to town this week and no matter what kind of offense or defense Coach Scott Rials runs, the key to this year's team will be whether or not he can get the kids out for football. The number of players walking the halls or sitting in the bleachers has grown in recent years as the number of players on the field has dwindled, and if the Elba Tigers are ever to be big winners again in football the players must come out and take part. Elba High is still filled with athletes and could be a big winner in every sport, but until the players rededicate themselves to struggle and decide to join the teams the Tigers will continue to struggle. Good luck Coach Rials, but your biggest challenge might come off the field.

\*\*\* The Atlanta Braves always get on a roll every time I write them off as finished, and while that happened again in recent weeks, the Braves are still under the .500 mark for the season and are alive in the National League standings simply because none of the other teams in their division are very good, either. Atlanta no longer has dominating pitching, still lacks at the plate on offense and this season is having problems in the field. I will admit the Braves could get hot and make a run in the second half of the season, but this season the Braves are just another average team in what has become an average league.

\*\*\* In closing... just in case you doubt there has been a shift in the college ranks across the state this season, just look back at the NCAA sports. In football UAB and Troy State have jumped into the big time, and although they have yet to be big winners, their schedules are getting lots of notice. Back in basketball it was UAB and Alabama State that joined Alabama in the basketball tournament, while last week in baseball it was Birmingham Southern and Jacksonville State that punched their tickets into the regionals. The days of Alabama and Auburn dominating the college sports scene in the state has now passed, and all of a sudden the smaller colleges are making their marks. It will be interesting to see what happens next.

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## Youth teams dodge rainy weather to get in games

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation's youth baseball and softball leagues only managed to dodge the rain drops one night last week. However, the action in all games was exciting for both the players and the fans.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL (Ages 6-8)

\* Cardinals 9 Braves 6 - The Cardinals rallied to defeat the Braves 9-6. The Cardinals trailed 4-2 after one inning, but pulled even at 6-6 in the second and then scored 3 runs in the third to pull out the win. Miguel Banks scored 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Avery Haney and Jac Quan Crawford both scored 2 runs and Nicholas Green and Aquante Jones scored 1 run each. Justin Pope scored 2 runs for the Braves, while Chance Johnson, Jordan Kidd, Kenneth Neil Amison and Troy Funk all scored 1 run.

## DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL (Ages 13-14)

\* Z.C. Gray 5 Elba 3 - The Zion Chapel Gray scored 2 runs in the sixth inning to take the lead and held on to down Elba 5-3. Elba had scored 1 run in the bottom of the fifth to pull even at 3-3, but allowed two unearned runs in the sixth and suffered the loss. Justin Winters had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gray, while Matt Brinson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Joe Davis had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Will Gray had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Dylan McCollough added 1 hit.

\* Elba 16 Gamecocks 5 - Elba used an 8-run second inning to take command and rolled to a 16-5 win over the Gamecocks. Elba scored 4 runs in the bottom of the first to grab a 4-1 lead and then plated 8 runs in the second to take a big 12-2 advantage as it rolled to the lopsided win. Don Rhoades had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba, while Dylan McCollough, Bradley Wilson, Devon Jackson and Richard Cooks all added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Kyle Pope added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Demetrius Ship had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while David Stinson added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

## DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL (Ages 9-10)

\* Giants 14 Z.C. Lightning 4 - The Giants scored 6 runs in the opening inning to grab the lead and never looked back to down the Zion Chapel Lightning 14-4. The Giants trailed 2-0 heading into the bottom of the first, but plated 6 runs to grab a 6-2 lead and slowly pulled away to claim the big win. John Ashley Amison had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Giants, while

\* Troy 11 River Bandits 4 - The River Bandits fell behind early and never recovered in an 11-4 loss to Troy. The River Bandits trailed only 3-1 after two innings, but watched as Troy took advantage of numerous errors to pull away and claim the win. Melanie Mularz had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the River Bandits, while Krystan Parker and Kayla Miller both had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

## DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL (Ages 11-12)

\* Z.C. Gray 13 Cobras 3 - The Zion Chapel Gray pulled ahead early and never looked back to down the Cobras 13-3. The Gray scored 4 runs in the bottom of the first to grab the lead and scored in every inning to pull away and claim the win. Nicole Holloway had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Gray, while Hayden Goodson, Faith Ketchum and Kayla H. all scored 2 runs. W. Blackmon scored 2 runs for the Cobras and S. Blackmon scored 1 run.

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STEPHANIE BAXLEY

## Baxley repeats as member of "Super 12" prep softball team

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2004 "Super 12" high school softball teams last weekend and named to the honored list for the second straight year was Elba Lady Tiger pitcher Stephanie Baxley.

Baxley, a sophomore, posted a 13-3 record at Elba High during the '04 season and struck out 289 batters in 171 innings to lead the Lady Tigers to the region finals. At the plate she batted .307 and scored 15 runs.

Following is the complete list of the 2004 "Super 12" teams: "Big School Division"

\* Jessica Barnard (junior) P/DH/AB, Enterprise; Clair Goodson (senior) 3B, Charles Henderson; Heather Snell (sophomore) 1B, Charles Henderson; Kayla Gordon (sophomore) P/IF, Ashford; Brittany Ray (junior), SS, Ashford; Bridgette Ganous (senior) catcher, Daleville; Megan Bass (sophomore) SS, Gause; Anna Tew (senior) SS, Headland; Tabitha Runkler (sophomore) C/SS, Headland; Christian Short (junior) 2B, Opp; Stephanie Baxley (sophomore) P, Elba; "Player of the Year" Janira Santiago (senior) P/DH, Enterprise; "Coach of the Year" Jeff Ross, Providence Christian.

## Enterprise to host mens softball tournaments in late June

The Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department will host two men's softball tournaments over the coming weeks at the Enterprise Softball Complex.

\*\*\* June 18-19 - An ASA "Class D" men's sub-state softball tournament will be held, with an entry fee of \$150. Core 44 softballs will be provided and ASA rosters are required. Deadline to enter is June 16 at 5:00 PM. To enter call the district director, or contact Billy Powell at 348-2680.

\*\*\* June 25-26 - An ASA sanctioned "Class B" men's softball tournament will be held, with an entry fee of \$140. Core 44 softballs will be provided

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## SPORTS

## At South Alabama Speedway

## Singletary and Hudson take checkered flags in twin Roadrunner features

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway featured Twin 20-lap Feature for its popular Roadrunner class Saturday night. Jason Singletary and Jerry Hudson claimed victories in the twins.

In the first feature, Perry Boin took the lead at the start, building a comfortable lead over Danny Parmer and John Singletary. Jason Singletary got a break when the caution flew on lap 11. Jason Singletary moved into second on the restart and began to pressure Boin for the lead. On lap 14, Singletary moved under Boin to take the lead. Singletary then pulled away to take the win. Boin held on to finish second. Craig Drake crossed the line third but was disqualified for rough driving moving Hudson up to third. John Singletary was fourth and Parmer fifth.

In the second feature, Lee Monaghan and Joe Baril swapped the lead for the first three laps before bringing out the caution on lap four when they wrecked in turn one. Hudson took over the front spot and led the remainder of the race. Boin came from the back of the pack to finish second. Parmer was third, with John Singletary fourth and Jason Singletary fifth.

In the Super Stock action, Scotty Anderson took the lead on lap 21 to take the win. Mike Hussey took the lead at the start and enjoyed a sizable lead early. As the race went on, however, Hussey's Camaro began to drift higher in the turns. Anderson was able to get under Hussey when he slid up the track. Jody Henderson was able to get past Hussey for second on the final turn. Ryan Redmon finished fourth and Greg Rabren fifth.

Kevin Peel took the lead on the last lap and won the Modified Feature. Ken Gibson led the first lap before

Terry Malone took control. Gibson came back to take the lead on lap seven. Peel moved into second on lap ten and went to work on Gibson. Gibson was able to hold Peel off until his ride got loose coming out of turn four heading to the white flag. Peel jumped to the outside and took the lead going into turn one. Peel led Gibson to the checkered flag by two car lengths. Jamie Ater came home third with Malone fourth and Cameron Page fifth.

Derek Deese won his third straight Street Stock Feature. Mickey Davis led the first nine laps before Charles Cotton slipped by to take the lead. Deese, starting seventh, moved into third on lap eleven. Two laps later, he moved past Davis into second. On lap 19, Deese dipped under Cotton in turn two and took the lead moving down the back stretch. Once out front, Deese pulled away to take the win. Cotton held on to second. Greg Adams finished third, David fourth, and Harold Hurt fifth.

Action continues next week at South Alabama with heats and features for the Super Stock, Vintage, Street Stock, Roadrunner, and Cup-Lite classes. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539.

## Results

**Super Stock**  
 1. Scotty Anderson  
 2. Jody Henderson  
 3. Mike Hussey  
 4. Ryan Redmon  
 5. Greg Rabren  
 6. Jerry Weatherington  
 7. Rick Northey  
 8. Gary Davis  
 9. Blake Streetman  
 10. Ken Pettis

## Modified

1. Kevin Peel  
 2. Ken Gibson  
 3. Jamie Ater

4. Terry Malone  
 5. Cameron Page  
 6. Randy Sherwood

**Street Stock**  
 1. Derek Deese  
 2. Charles Cotton  
 3. Greg Adams  
 4. Mickey Davis  
 5. Harold Hurt  
 6. Todd Valdez  
 7. James Smith

## Roadrunner #1

1. Jason Singletary  
 2. Perry Boin  
 3. Jerry Hudson  
 4. John Singletary  
 5. Danny Parmer  
 6. Bobby Monaghan  
 7. Jimmy Hager  
 8. Donald Drake  
 9. Ben Baxley  
 10. Bobby Monaghan  
 11. Robert Colvin  
 12. Dee Bucklew  
 13. Tim Wilkerson  
 14. Mark Bell  
 15. Jimmy Smith  
 16. Danny Monaghan  
 17. Chris Goe  
 18. Rusty Powell  
 19. Tony Tidwell  
 DNS: LaDunn Stokes  
 DQ Craig Drake (3)

## Roadrunner #2

1. Jerry Hudson  
 2. Perry Boin  
 3. Danny Parmer  
 4. John Singletary  
 5. Jason Singletary  
 6. Bobby Monaghan  
 7. Jimmy Hager  
 8. Lee Monaghan  
 9. Danny Monaghan  
 10. Joe Baril  
 11. Robert Colvin  
 12. Dee Bucklew  
 13. Chris Goe  
 14. Ben Baxley  
 15. Donald Drake  
 16. Tim Wilkerson  
 17. Jimmy Smith  
 18. Tony Tidwell  
 DNS: LaDunn Stokes, Rusty Powell, Craig Drake



Shown above on the back row left: Mrs. Teresa Johnson, headmaster; and right: Roland Jones, Athletic Director/ Head Football Coach; Bottom row left to right: brother Bradley Bowers, Mother Pam Bowers, Signee Garret Bowers, and Father Vince Bowers.

## Bowers signs with Union College

Garret Bowers, a senior RB/LB at Crenshaw Christian Academy recently signed a football scholarship with Union College. Union is a NAIA School located in Barbourville, Kentucky, and is a member of the Mid-South football conference. While attending CCA, Garret's accomplishments included AISA All Star, and Male Athlete of the Year. Garret plans to major in physical education while attending Union.

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**Catalpa Worms Rank High On Live Bait List**

Gathering catalpa worms for bait can be almost as much fun as catching those fat bluegills and catfish that just can't seem to swim by a hook baited with this black and yellow morsel. The catalpa worm is really not a worm but is the caterpillar stage of the catalpa sphinx moth. In the early spring the female moths lay eggs in clustered groups on the underside of catalpa leaves. The eggs hatch into small caterpillars in 10 to 14 days. The young catalpa worms have an unsatisfactory appetite and can strip a catalpa tree of its leaves during a good hatch.

For those who have never seen or fished with a catalpa worm, they grow to about 3 inches and get as big around as a thick pencil. Coloration is usually black, yellow and white and they have a "horn" on the tail. Be careful when handling catalpas as they sometimes secrete a brown liquid that will stain clothes and soil your hands.

I can remember walking along dirt roads in rural Alabama with my grandfather looking for "loaded" catalpa trees. We carried a long fishing pole to gently flip them off the underside of a leaf and put them in a screen wire cage similar to a cricket box. Today, a lot of fence rows have been cleared along primary and secondary roads in Alabama. This makes it harder to find catalpas than when grandfather and I searched the back roads, but it is still possible in some locations.

Another alternative to having to scrounge for catalpas is to plant your own trees. Not only do these trees produce some of the best fish bait obtainable, they are excellent shade trees. Seedling trees can be ordered from nurseries or you can dig volunteer seedlings growing under older trees. Seedlings should be 3 to 4 foot height when planted. Transplanted trees need to be watered daily immediately after planting and thereafter as dictated by rainfall.

Young catalpa trees should be fertilized until they reach 12 feet in height. By this height they will have grown enough foliage to provide food for the young catalpa worms.

If there are no producing trees in your area, it may be necessary to "seed" your young trees by gathering and placing a couple dozen worms on the leaves of your trees to assure you will have worms next year.

When harvesting catalpas, remember to never remove all the worms, as a few are needed for seed stock next year. When the leaves are almost gone, these remaining few worms will crawl down the tree and burrow into the ground. When they emerge, the reproduction cycle will start over again.

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### YARD SALE

YARD SALE- SATURDAY, JUNE 12th. Furniture, Scrapbooking Supplies, Drum Set, Books, Telescope, Dishes, Mikasa, Noritake, The Bakers. 2260 Hickman Ave. 6-10-11p

### ANTIQUE

THE DEPOT ANTIQUES relocated Hwy. 331 South of Opp, 1/8 Mile Past Bypass. 20-40% OFF Sale Open Monday-Saturday 9-5, Booth Space Available. 493-9339. 1-29-11c

### SERVICES OFFERED

ALEX'S BARBER SHOP Has Moved To: 510 WEST 10TH ST. "NEW HOURS" MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00-5:00 Open After 5:00 by Appointment Call 897-3388

CLAY'S LAWN CARE SERVICE. Free Estimates, Victoria Community. 389-0058. (R) 5-20-41p

ELLIS CLEANING SERVICE COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL. Free Estimates. References. Available. 334-897-5103. 5-13-41p

SMITH AUTO SALES. 1995 CHRYSLER LABARON CONVERTIBLE. Only \$700 DOWN/PAYMENTS \$60.00 Per Week. 897-5903. 5-27-41c

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ALABAMA HOME Equity \$ Refinance 1st mortgage \$ Debt consolidation. Loans from \$40,000 - \$500,000 (example: \$50,000 - \$325/mo.). Slow credit plan. Previous bankrupt OK. No mobile homes. 1-800-239-6824. 5-27-41c

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### REAL ESTATE

1100 SQ. FT. HOUSE ON GANT LAKE. 3 BR. 2 Baths. On Water. New Construction. \$159,000.00. Also Other Lots Available. 334-897-6540. RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION 6-10-11c

HOUSE FOR SALE: 4 BR, 21/2 Ba, CH&A, FIREPLACE. Carpet, 2 extra lots w/ chain link fence. Brookdale Subdivision. Never Flooded. 897-8353. 5-27-41p

REDUCED-3BR, 11/2 Bath HOUSE with white vinyl siding, central heat & air, stove, microwave, fireplace, carpet, inground pool with shed, utility room. Lots of storage space. Very nice. Locate at 1270 Bypass Street in Elba. Call/Gantt (334)384-4100. 6-10-11c

GREAT 1200 SQUARE FT HOME FOR RETIREMENT. New Patio Home in Sequoia. 3 BR, 2 Bath. For More Information call Mike Russell RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION 334-897-6540. 6-10-11c

266 COUNTY RD. 263 FOR SALE BY OWNER-Shiloh. 4 BR, 4 Bath, 1 BA, 1 Eat In Kit, Utility Room, Car Port, 1/2 Acre, New Roof, Water heater, Central H/C, Counter Top Cabinets, BA Vanity, Vinyl Carpet, Painted In and Out. Seeded 1135 SF. \$45,000. 347-5094. 6-3-21p

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### HELP WANTED

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT THE COFFEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS accepting applications for the position of LABORER. Qualifications include a valid driver's license. Fringe benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and State Retirement. Salary begins at \$5.21 per hour. Applications can be obtained at the Alabama Employment Agency. Closing date: June 11, 2004. 6-10-11c

### YOUNG WORLD OF LEARNING

Person. Must be Neat, Clean, Trustworthy, Dependable. Hours May Vary 19 or Older, HS or GED Diploma. Call between 12:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. 897-2785. 6-3-11c

DRIVERS - New pay pkg! Miles! Longhaul, lease operators, company drivers! Friday paydays! In-cab email! Family voicecall! Class "A" CDL, 6 mo OTR 1-800-745-9670. www.continental.com. 6-3-11c

DRIVERS - O/O's & small fleet owners. All Transport. yr OTR 6 mos flatbed. Short & long haul avail. Home week ends, great benefits. 1-800-828-6452. www.vnttransport.com. (R)

DRIVERS - USA Truck is now hiring teams. Start at 41¢/mile. Great miles pay on delivery, guaranteed hometime. Call Sun-Sat 1-800-237-4642. 5-20-41p

IMMEDIATELY HIRING. FULL TIME ONLY. \$10.00 /HR TO START! GET PAID DAILY. PAID TRAINING BONUS. AFTERNOON & EARLY EVENING. HRS. CASUAL DRESS. AUTO REQ'D. 1-800-825-6778. EXT. 4028. 5-13-41p

ELBA NURSING HOME HAS RN OPENINGS For 7 am - 3 pm and 3 pm - 11 pm Shifts. LPN Openings for 7 am - 7 pm and 7 pm - am Shifts. Competitive Benefits. Apply in Person or Call 334-897-2257 Ext. 224. EOE 6-3-11c

CDL TRAINING. Zero down/looding-ford allowance. Transportation. Team concept. Guaranteed employment if qualified. Need drivers now. Classes start every Monday. 3 week course. 1-877-999-7617. 5-13-41p

CLASS-A CDL training! No experience? NO CDL? No problem! 15 day CDL training. Refine job placement. Financial. Call Volunteer today. 1-800-838-3803. www.volunteertraining.net. (R)

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS - No exp. necessary. HS grads/seniors, ages 17-34. Paid training/relocation. Great salary/benefits. 1-888-255-6289. M.F. 9-4. 6-3-11c

DENTAL HYGIENIST and assistants needed in Auburn. Send resume to 1550 Opelika Rd., Suite 0236, Auburn, AL 36830. Hygienist must have current Alabama license. 6-10-11c

DRIVER - COVENANT Transport Teams and solos check out our new pay plan. Owner operators, experienced drivers, solos, teams and graduate students. Call 1-888-MORE-PAY (1-888-667-3729). (R)

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DRIVERS - DEDICATED, regional & OTR. No loading/unloading. Top pay 40¢. Owner operators 85¢ + FSC. Home weekly. No NYC. Ozark Motor Lines. 1-800-264-2033. 6-10-11c

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WANTED: INDIVIDUALS AGE 55 OR OLDER WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT/ TRAINING. We are updating our register for the Title VI SCSEP Program for positions in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston Counties. Applicants must meet Federal income guidelines. For more information, call (334)784-4093 or 1-800-489-7606 ext. 114 or 128. M/H/A/E/O/E

### VACATION RENTALS

GATLINBURG, TN. Oak Leaf Accommodations by Melanie Seagle, Coodos, Cabins, Chalets. Rates \$89.00-\$175.00. Indoor/Outdoor Pools, Jacuzzi. Reservations/Bookings: 1-866-430-3411/1-865-430-3411. (R)

PANAMA CITY Beach, Sandpiper-Beacon Beach Resort. From \$79. 1/2p. Restrictions. Pools, lazy river, parasailing, hot tub, suites, tiki bar, water slide. 1-800-478-8888. www.sandpiperbeacon.com

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257 ACRES- 10 Miles NW of Elba off County Road 330. Good Hunting Land. Price is \$12,200 Per Acre. (850) 217-6221. landandtimber.com 5-27-41p

3 ACRE LOT FOR SALE on Hwy 87. \$500 Down. \$210 Month for 30 Mo. County Water. Call 672-4105 or 735-9450. 3-11-11c

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74 Acres. South of New Brockton, CR 528, homestead and pondsite

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FOR RENT 3-4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH BRICK HOME, 10 miles from Elba, 30 minutes from Enterprise. No Pets. \$625.00. \$625.00. Call 850-830-0630. Available 5/10/04. 5-6-11c

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## PUBLIC NOTICES



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## National Security awards scholarships

The National Security Group annually awards \$2,000 cash scholarships to children of the Group's employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. This year's recipients are: Tiffany Smith-Fox and Jonathan Fox, children of National Security Adjusters Supervisor Greg Fox and Meredith English, daughter of National Security Group Administrative Officer Russ English.

Tiffany is an honor graduate of Dora High School in Dora, AL and ranked fourth in her class of 92 students. This is in addition to being actively involved in several extracurricular activities at DHS. Tiffany has been a varsity cheerleader the past four years, selected as an All-Star cheerleader, SGA Vice President, Vice President of her senior class and Spanish Club Vice-President. She is a Walker County Junior Ambassador, member of FCCLA, PALS Senior Beta Club, SADD, Science Club and a Diamond Girl. She was crowned Miss Dora High in 2003 and Miss Bulldog 2003. Tiffany attends Forestdale Church of God where she is a member of the youth drama team. Tiffany plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in nursing, specializing in psychiatric care.



Griffin Shirley awarded Juris Doctor degree

Samford University School of Law has awarded Juris Doctor degrees to 14 graduates at a graduation ceremony held in the school's auditorium. Griffin Shirley, a 2003 graduate of the University of Alabama, was one of the recipients.

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## Thank You

I sincerely thank the voters of Coffee County, District One, for your support during the Democratic Primary Election. I cannot thank you enough for the kindness you have shown my family during the campaign.

I look forward to again asking for your support in four years as I continue to work towards fulfilling my goal of being your County Commissioner for District One.

Again, thank you for your support!!

**Larry H. Fuller**

Pub. Adv. by Larry H. Fuller, 2020 Hwy. 81, North, Elba, AL 36323

**"Thank You for Your Past Support."**

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June 29th  
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**Paul Sherling**  
Coffee County DISTRICT JUDGE

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## Kinston Elementary School 4th Quarter Honor Roll



### A HONOR ROLL

#### 1ST GRADE

Adrian Smith, Noah Carley, Tameka Carney, T.J. Glass, Braden Dwyer, Marley Jacob, Ben Nelson, Jaden Pate, Dylan Rhoads, Corydon Sessions, Tashia Taylor, Cody Wambles, Kalia Webb, Connor Young.

#### 2ND GRADE

Clay Carley, Kelsey Carley, Griffin Carley, Jonathan Davis, Chelsea Davis, Haylin Harper, Kyla Hester, Kaitlin Humphreys, Alisha Johnson, Meghan Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Patrick Smith.

### 3RD GRADE

Arissa Davis, Kaleb Mack, Emily Mock.

#### 4TH GRADE

Jacob Evans, Natasha Mack, Brittany Moulton, Caitlyn Norris, Brittany Smith.

#### 5TH GRADE

Hunter Anderson, Jim Jones, Lee Devine, Bethany Holley, Courtney Parrish, Erika Rhodes, Amber Smith.

#### 6TH GRADE

Madison Weeks, Tucker Whigham.

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## Charities may not engage in political campaign activities, warns IRS

Charities should be careful that their efforts to educate voters comply with the Internal Revenue Code requirements concerning political campaign activities, the tax agency said in a presidential election-year advisory.

Organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code that are exempt from federal income tax are prohibited from participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Charities, educational institu-

tions and religious organizations, including churches, are among those that are tax-exempt under this code section.

These organizations cannot endorse any candidates, make donations to their campaigns, engage in fund raising, distribute statements, or become involved in any other activities that may be beneficial or detrimental to any candidate. Even activities that encourage people to vote for or against a particular candidate on the basis of non-partisan criteria violate the political campaign prohibition

of section 501(c)(3). If the IRS finds a section 501(c)(3) organization engaged in prohibited campaign activity, the organization could lose its tax-exempt status and it could be subject to an excise tax on the amount of money spent on that activity.

In addition, contributions to organizations that lose their section 501(c)(3) status because of political activities are not deductible by the donors for federal income tax purposes.

The IRS issued similar election-year advisories to charities in 1992, 1996 and 2000.



Students at New Brockton Elementary School participated in Field Day in early May. This event is held yearly as a fun day for the students. They are able to participate in a variety of events such as the one captured above.

Don't Forget...  
Father's Day is June 20th

## EOCC offers Youth College "fun" classes again during 2004 summer months

Enterprise-Ozark Community College will host its annual Youth College again this year. The popular program being offered at the Enterprise Campus, Ft. Rucker Site, and the Ozark Aviation Campus.

This year's Youth College takes the three sessions in three separate schedules from June into July, for students entering the third through eighth grades.

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original motion not to take interest from any projects or accounts out of the general fund.

He received a second from Westbrook, and the motion passed with a 4-3 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, Brooks and Lewis. The opposing votes came from commissioners Dalrymple, Grimsley and Jim Thompson.

Next, the original motion as amended was voted on, and it failed to pass with a 2-5 vote. Only commissioners Stephens and Brooks voted in favor of the amended motion.

Commissioners continued to disagree about the purpose of the \$60,000 for District Four, and Westbrook said the Mount Pleasant building is larger with brick and carpet. She said she has voted for these things every time, commissioner Dalrymple asked for them because he had the additional

funding.

Westbrook said there is more than \$67,000 difference in the construction cost for the Mount Pleasant and Ino senior center buildings.

Stephens offered a motion with a second from Westbrook to pay the \$7,803 out of the \$60,000 and let the issue be settled.

"With it (overall cost) being that big a difference, I'll go along with it," Dalrymple said. The motion passed with a unanimous vote from commissioners.

Commissioner Thompson then made a motion that no building projects are done two at a time in the future. His motion died for lack of a second.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Writing, Girls and Guys on Broadway 2004, I'm a Poet and I Know It, Mom-I Blew Up the Science Lab, Splash-Splash and much more.

Registration deadline for the Enterprise Campus Youth College is Noon on June 16.

Third, at the Ft. Rucker Site, the program will run July 12-15 (Monday-Thursday), 8:00-11:15 a.m. A mixture of courses offered at the other two locations will converge on the Ft. Rucker Site.

Registration deadline for the Ft. Rucker Site Youth College is Noon, July 7.

Each course has a \$23 registration fee and is limited to 10-25 students, so an early registration may help ensure placement in the desired courses. Some classes also have additional supply fees that are listed with the course descriptions available in the 2004 Summer Class Schedule available at each location.

For more information, call 334-347-2618, ext. 2234 or visit the website at [www.eocc.edu](http://www.eocc.edu).

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## Funeral services for Alberta Stewart Martin draw national attention

After several days of mourning, Alberta Stewart Martin reached her final resting place Saturday, June 12, in the Curtis community of Coffee County.

Martin's death on May 31, 2004 received national attention with her being recognized as the last living widow of a Civil War soldier. She was 97.

Alberta married William Jasper Martin, a Confederate

veteran, on Dec. 12, 1927. She was 21, and he was 81.

It wasn't until the 1990s that Martin was recognized as the last living Confederate veteran widow, and she became the last living Civil War veteran widow in Jan. 2003 following the death of Gertrude Janeway, a Union veteran widow.

Services for Mrs. Martin began Thursday, June 10, at the

First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery as she laid in state for four days.

On Saturday, June 12, funeral services were held at the First Assembly of God Church in Elba.

Graveside services and burial were held at the New Ebenezer Church in the Curtis Community. This service was delivered with full Confederate honors including an 1860s-style heretage march.

Martin's casket was carried to the grave site by a horse-drawn caisson. She was followed by hundreds of marchers dressed in appropriate attire.

As onlookers watched the solemn ceremony, many said they came out because they wanted to be a part of history.

Mrs. Martin was a longtime resident of Elba before becoming a resident of the Enterprise Nursing Home a couple of years ago. Her son William Oren Martin still resides in Elba.



The casket of Alberta Stewart Martin, the last widow of a Confederate veteran, was carried by a horse-drawn caisson to the cemetery of New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis community of Coffee County last Saturday afternoon, June 12, during an 1860s-style Confederate heretage funeral march. People from across the nation came to Elba for Martin's funeral services. She was regarded as a last link to a very distinct part of America's history. Additional scenes from the heretage march and service can be found on Page 6B in this edition of The Elba Clipper.

## Coffee County Commission hears good news regarding roads

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission received good news Monday, June 14, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission when chairman Robert Stephens read a letter from the state Department of Transportation.

Stephens said the letter announced that Coffee County received the second highest grade in the State of Alabama from the 2004 inspection of county paved roads. This marked two years in a row for the honor.

Coffee County's grade was 92, second only to Houston County.

With this announcement, Coffee County also became the second county ever to be able to use a 4-cent gas tax for new construction on roads.

Houston County became eligible in 2002.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners also heard a presentation from the Coffee County Strategic Plan Review and Evaluation committee.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley said the committee began meeting in Sept. 2003 to review and evaluate the county's original strategic plan, and the purpose was to give citizens a better quality of life by setting goals for the entire county.

Committee chairman Stan

Windham thanked the commission for its efforts with this plan and said it is far more important that most people might realize.

"It's very easy for a commissioner to do a plan and put it on the shelf," Windham said. "I want to compliment you. I don't know the words to tell you how important it is what you've done."

The overall plan involves several specific parts, and the committee updated commissioners Monday on the agribusiness and agriculture section, as well as technology and communications, quality of life and education.

In regards to agribusiness and agriculture, the committee looked heavily at establishing access for everyone.

"One thing the committee suggested was a county web page that would allow the ability to get records and fill out paperwork online."

With Coffee County's diverse population, the committee members said quality of life is a hard proposition to figure, however, they feel the county does have a very high quality of life.

In this presentation, the committee asked the commission to "support the strategic plan by getting all the people within the county involved."

Dan Presley presented the education portion of the plan, and he said, "education is the backbone of any success we have with the strategic plan."

Presley said education in Coffee County is in great shape, but the school systems need the support of parents and community to remain successful.

He said the systems that seem to work best have a high parental involvement.

Windham said the committee will present additional sections of the strategic plan at the next commission meeting.

Commissioners joined local municipalities Monday by approving and signing a proclamation declaring Patriotism Month. In doing so, the commission encourages all Coffee County citizens, to fly the American flag beginning Monday, June 14, through Sunday, July 4.

County resident Gigi

Lasseter addressed commissioners regarding a problem on County Road 636.

Lasseter said too much water runs in the ditch next to her dad's property, and he is losing property as a result.

"I'm just asking for help," she said. "I want some pipes put in, and I want my property put back."

With this being an ongoing problem, commissioner Doug Dalrymple asked his fellow commissioners to go out and look at the road. He said he would then make the necessary recommendations to help Lasseter based on what the commission body decides.

"I've done all I can possibly do without changing the commission's policy," Dalrymple said.

Commissioners agreed to go out and look at the problem.

Many Civil War groups and reenactors took part in the heretage march and graveside services for Alberta Martin last Saturday including this soldier dressed in uniform. He is shown riding his horse in salute to Mrs. Martin as she reaches her final resting place.

## After signing a joint proclamation

Elba City Council encourages citizens to show patriotism by flying flags

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was routine with paying bills, making one board appointment and modifying a previous resolution being supplemented by a couple of routine reports.

A letter from Elba Public Library Board Chairman Jimmy Harrison reported that Mrs. Nancy Morrow, whose term on the library board has expired, has elected to rotate off the Library Board.

According to Harrison's letter, the board recommended the appointment of Mr. A. W. (Buddy) Shively to the vacant spot. These are four year appointments.

The council was unanimous in naming Shively to the library board.

Monthly bills totaling \$93,511.37 were approved for payment. This included sales tax transfers to the Elba School system (\$12,379.54), garbage pick-up fees (\$14,408.14) to

Waste Management, engineering fees (\$9,000), landfill charges (\$6,159.79), down to a \$3.07 payment to Independent

wages, reduce job turnover and create additional jobs. The Gulas Group of Madison, Ala. will provide on-site and classroom training. Kelley Foods has committed \$41,915 to cover employee

wages and benefits during the training.

John Harrison, director of the Alabama Department of

Health Services and \$2.08 to EDSOC Fasteners, Inc.

The council also accepted the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes and amended the scope of the Downtown Development CDBG Grant program to include all of Elba. It had originally been written to cover just the area around the downtown square.

Grimes informed council members that he had joined with the Coffee County Commission and other county mayors in signing a proclamation to fly the American flag from Flag Day

June 14, 2004 and ending on Independence Day, July 4, 2004.

Clerk Wayne Grantham asked council members to explain to the citizens that they still need to exercise patience with the trash pick-up system. The city has added a flatbed truck to the trash route, but they are still way behind. Mosquito spraying will start this week after the heavy daily raining passes.

Grantham also said the resurfacing of streets damaged during the levee work is continuing.

Riley awarded the grant from funds made available to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Economic and Community Affairs, notified Erik Ennis, human resources manager at Kelley Foods, that the grant had been approved. ADECA is administering the grant.

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John Harrison, director of the Alabama Department of

## Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a Summer Reading Program every Thursday during the month of July at 10 a.m.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL announces that report cards can be picked up at the high school office Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. The school also announces that remediation begins next week for upcoming seniors who need to pass parts of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. Call Elba High School (897-2266) for more information. Please see the remediation schedule on Page 2 for additional information.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS reminds voters that Friday, June 18 is the last day to make any changes in voting status before the June 29th run-off election. After June 18, no changes can be made in the voting list until June 30. If voters have any questions about their voting place, they should call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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